IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazuhisa MATSUDA

Serial Number: 09/489,473

Filed: January 21, 2000

GROUD FOROUP ART Unit Examiner: C. C. Pratt

For: SUTURABLE ADHESION-PREVENTING MEMBRANE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

April 7, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, for two months from February 6, 2003, to April 6, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$410.00 is attached hereto to cover the cost of the extension. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

KUBOVCIK & KUBOVCIK

04/09/2003 MBELETE1 00000027 09489473

01 FC:1252

410.00 OP

Kubovcik

Req. No. 25,401

Atty. Case No. NISS-049 The Farragut Building Suite 710 900 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006 Tel: (202) 887-9023 (202) 887-9093 Fax:

RJK/cfm